

**THE EMBODIMENTS OF THE INVENTION IN WHICH AN EXCLUSIVE
PROPERTY OR PRIVILEGE IS CLAIMED ARE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. A tailoring guide system used in taking body
5 measurements for garment fitting, said guide system
comprising an upright portion of a height at least as
great as that of an individual of average height, and a
spread assembly which is adjustable in height relative to
10 said upright portion, said upright portion including
measuring means to determine different heights to which
said spread assembly is adjusted, said spread assembly
comprising a pair of arms, one to each side of said
upright portion, said arms being adjustable inwardly and
15 outwardly to different spread positions relative to said
upright portion and measuring means to determine
positioning of said arms in said different spread
positions.

2. A guide system as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said
20 spread assembly has a center part which is adjustably
mounted to said upright portion, said arms extending
outwardly to opposite sides of said center part of said
spread assembly.

25 3. A guide system as claimed in Claim 2 wherein said
center part comprises a bracket and wherein arms are
connected to one another at said bracket by an arm
connector which produces simultaneous uniform movement of
both of said arms.

30 4. A guide system as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said
upright portion is supported by a base platform on which
an individual stands for the taking of the body
measurements, said system including an indicator to show
35 exact upright positioning of said upright portion and
means to adjust said system to provide said exact upright

positioning.

5. A guide system as claimed in Claim 1 including a weight scale.

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6. A guide system as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said system includes a software package which adapts the measurements to different garment manufacturers specifications.

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7. A guide system as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said spread assembly comprises a support member which is slideably attached to said upright portion, said system including counter balancing means which substantially offsets weight of said spread assembly on said upright portion.

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8. A guide system as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said upright portion has an upper end which opens to a hollow region in said upright portion, said counter balancing means comprising a counter balancing weight secured by a cable around a pulley to said support member, said counter balancing weight being fitted through said upper end into said hollow region of said upright portion.

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9. A guide system as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said spread assembly comprises a support member slideably mounted to said upright portion, a pair of first arms which are width adjustably mounted to said support member and a pair of second arms secured to said support member and extending directly over opposite side edges of said upright portion, said upright portion being provided with measurement scales along said side edges thereof.

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10. A guide system as claimed in Claim 9 wherein said measurement scales comprise bar coding of machine

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readable characters and said system includes a hand held barcode reader, said second arms providing guides for guiding movement of said barcode reader over the characters of said bar coding.

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11. A guide system as claimed in Claim 10 wherein said first arms are provided with bar coding extending lengthwise thereof, said system including portable tools which mount on and slide to different positions along said first arms, the different positions being measured using the bar coding extending along the first arms.

12. A tailoring guide system comprising a structure including moveable parts for taking different body measurements of a person at said structure, electronically readable measurement means on said structure and an electronic reader which reads positioning of said moveable parts relative to said electronically readable measurement means to provide the different body measurements.

13. A tailoring guide system as claimed in Claim 12 wherein said electronically readable measurement means comprises a plurality of bar coded regions on said structure, said electronic reader comprising a bar code reader.

14. A tailoring guide system as claimed in Claim 13 wherein said system includes a data storage electronically connected to said bar code reader which reads and transfers the different body measurements to said data storage.

15. A tailoring guide system as claimed in Claim 14 wherein said data storage has both a display and a printout mode for outputting the different body

measurements from the data storage.

16. A tailoring guide system as claimed in Claim 12 wherein said structure includes a main upright portion, said upright portion being provided with a vertical length of bar code, and an arm support member slideably mounted on said upright portion, said arm support being height adjustable relative to said bar code for taking of body height related measurements from said system.

17. A tailoring guide system as claimed in Claim 16 wherein said arm support member supports a pair of horizontally extending arms at least one of which is provided with bar coding which extends lengthwise of the arm and which is used for taking body depth related measurements from said system.

18. A tailoring guide system as claimed in Claim 12 including a flexible tape measure having bar coding provided lengthwise of said tape measure.

19. A tailoring guide system as claimed in Claim 17 including a flexible tape measure having bar coding provided lengthwise of said tape measure, said tape measure including a bracket which mounts said tape measure to one of the arms of said arm support member and said tape measure being used to take body girth related measurements from said system.